

# **Nebraska Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council (NIDCAC)**

## **Notes from the November 5, 2004 Meeting**

Time: **Friday, November 5, 2004: 9:30 am - Noon**  
Place: Conference Room 6Y  
Sixth Floor, Nebraska State Office Building  
301 Centennial Mall South  
Lincoln, NE 68508

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17) Call to order and notice of meeting publication

Chairman Ron Bowmaster called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present were: Ron Bowmaster, Bob Shanahan, Judy Jobman, Doug Thomas, Mahendra Bansal, Michael Calvert, Sandy Zoubeck, William Ptacek, Steve Henderson, and Frank Goodroe. Excused: Gordon Adams. Absent: Brenda Decker.

18) Introduction of members

Five new members joined the seven returning NIDCAC members. Because of the new membership, the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was an organizational meeting with emphasis on the role of NIDCAC in state and local governmental information exchange. A membership list was distributed to all members.\*

19) NIDCAC: Role, mission, and previous projects

Mr. Bowmaster distributed background information to the membership that outlined NIDCAC's statutory purpose, its role and mission statement, and a listing of past strategic and technology projects. The intent of these documents was to acquaint new members with prior activities of NIDCAC.\*

20) NIDCAC and Nebraska Information Technology Council (NITC)

Mr. Steve Schafer, Nebraska Chief Information Officer, provided a briefing to the committee on the Nebraska Information Technology Council (NITC) and the relationship between NIDCAC, the NITC, and other IT policy and coordination groups. His presentation included an overview of state IT policy and coordination efforts, an overview of the NITC, and a discussion of opportunities for NIDCAC's participation in IT planning initiatives. Mr. Schafer presented an organization chart of the NITC and other state coordination and policy groups, including the Community Council, The Education Council, the State Government Council, and the Technical Panel. He discussed the membership, purpose, scope, powers, and resources of the NITC. In fulfillment of the NITC duties, Mr. Schafer introduced the following eight NITC

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strategic initiatives to the committee:

1. Network Nebraska
2. Nebraska Statewide Telehealth Network
3. Statewide Synchronous Video Network
4. eLearning
5. Community IT Planning and Development
6. Enterprise Architecture
7. eGovernment, and
8. Security and Business Resumption.

Mr. Schafer explained that NITC initiatives are focused on state government activities, while NIDCAC provides an opportunity to examine state and local government IT initiatives. The inclusion of local information exchanges compliments and could leverage state technical initiatives. Potential opportunities for NIDCAC involvement, as outlined by Mr. Schafer, include:

1. Improve the efficiency of government to government data exchanges between state and local government, and
2. Expand the Nebraska Business Portal to include local government.\*

#### 21) Criminal and Juvenile Justice Initiatives

Mr. Mike Overton, Nebraska Crime Commission, provided the committee with a briefing on the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System.\* Mr. Overton outlined the origins of the committee, the governance committee, its membership, its funding and its structure. He explained how NCJIS secured funding to conduct an initial statewide assessment project that produced a plan that identified both strategic and tactical initiatives designed to address information access and exchange in the criminal justice community. He noted that the strategic plan was updated to include new initiatives. NCJIS is an example of how state and local officials can come together to promote and provide on-going information exchange initiatives.

#### 22) Nebraska Geographic Information Systems Steering Committee (GIS)

Mr. Larry Zink, Nebraska GIS Coordinator, presented the committee with a presentation of statewide efforts to coordinate Geographic Information Systems (GIS) activities throughout the state. Mr. Zink identified several state and federal initiatives, such as homeland security, water resources, and property parcel initiatives, which contain GIS components. He stated that federal initiatives for enhanced 911 service now include a requirement to locate cell phone transmissions, noting that 50% of emergency 911 calls now originate from cell phones. And, that often the caller does not know the location of the incident that he or she is reporting. Mr. Zink explained that GIS presents an opportunity to link existing databases that contain address information to systems that can produce a graphical representation of that data. The GIS Coordinating Committee is required by statute to report annually to NIDCAC. Mr. Zink distributed a proposal for an Interoperable Land Information System for Nebraska.

#### 23) 2004-2005 NIDCAC Project Initiatives

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Chairman Bowmaster reported on the traditional organizational model of NIDCAC, this being the identification of 1 and 5 year initiatives that can be acted on, or reported to the governor and the legislature. To address a particular project, NIDCAC has the statutory authority to create, by resolution, such subcommittees as the committee deems necessary to address a topic of interest. Mr. Bowmaster presented a list of projects taken from prior 1 and 5 year NIDCAC documents as example of previous planning efforts. These included:

1. Electronic access to information and electronic delivery of services
2. Leverage investment in local and wide area networks to connect governmental communities of interest
3. Examine state and local government workflow among communities of interest
4. Provide technology policies and standards to assist in evaluating technology investments, and
5. Identify emerging technologies that have the potential to benefit state and local government\*.

Mr. Bowmaster then asked the group to identify topics that the committee would like to pursue in greater detail over the next year.

Mr. Calvert suggested a project might include: 1) an effort to document and inventory existing data exchanges between state and local governments, 2) a facilitated process to develop a strategic plan and structure for GIS systems, and 3) an effort to examine the possibility of expanding the state's business portal concept to include local data, perhaps by using the results of the inventory of data exchanges.

Mr. Henderson suggested that NIDCAC evaluate the eight strategic initiatives of the NITC, and document local interest in an effort to provide local input to the NITC on these eight initiatives.

Mr. Thomas suggested that new 802.15 technology that supports voice over IP, and mobile data communications, could impact state and local government telecommunications.

Mr. Ptacek explained the Records Management grant model and suggested that NIDCAC examine the existing funding model for technology. It was noted that intergovernmental projects often are not owned by any one agency, and that these projects require a governance structure and a source of funds that may transcend the existing program budget model.

Mr. Shanahan noted that any exchange project must include security standards, and suggested that NIDCAC explore security policies that state and local governments can implement.

Ms. Jobman suggested a project that could be used to facilitate the delivery of technology expertise to local governments. She explained that

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local governments are inclined to pursue electronic government, but do not have, and cannot afford, the necessary technical expertise. How can state and local governments share the capacity, expertise, and training required to support local technology innovation? Ms. Zoubeck echoed those comments, stating that local government is keenly interested in e-Government.

Mr. Bansal noted that a public land survey system needs to be incorporated into any GIS effort.

Mr. Thomas asked “what is public information?” and “what information is appropriate to release?” Mr. Thomas suggested the committee might want to explore issues of privacy versus the public interest.

Finally, Mr. Goodroe commented that juvenile justice initiatives have left the state and the courts without a viable juvenile case management system.

#### 24)Next meeting date

The committee set the dates for the 2005 NIDCAC meetings. The meetings will be held in the morning on the following dates:

January 21, 2005

April 22, 2005

September 16, 2005, and

November 18, 2005.

In an effort to continue the NIDCAC planning process and to set an agenda for 2005, the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will focus on state initiatives in the area of security, authorization, and portal services. Mr. Bowmaster will invite representatives of these state initiatives to brief the committee on state activities in these areas. The final agenda and meeting location will be provided prior to the meeting.

#### 25)Adjourn

On a motion of the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

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#### Attachments:

- ❖ 2004-05 NIDCAC Membership List
- ❖ NIDCAC Purpose and Role and Mission
- ❖ Projects from previous NIDCAC 1 and 5 Year Plans
- ❖ NIDCAC and NITC Briefing Materials
- ❖ NCJIS Advisory Committee Briefing Materials
- ❖ GIS Proposal for an Interoperable Land Information System